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**THIRD COMMUNICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, consideration of the remarks that follow and entry thereof into the record of the present application is respectfully requested prior to issuance of a second Office Action in connection with the above-referenced application. Filed herewith are 1) an Information Disclosure Statement, with References A01-C05 as shown on accompanying Form 1449.

In this communication, the remarks begin on page 2.